
Subject: Infant Food Packages-Primary Contract Infant Formula

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Policy: For cost containment purposes the State Agency (SA) has a contract with a nutritional company to receive a monetary rebate for each can of their milk or soy-based formula the WIC program purchases. Primary contract infant formula refers to the specific infant formulas for which the SA has awarded a rebate contract to a manufacturer in response to a bid solicitation. Local Agencies (LA) must provide a primary contract infant formula unless a special formula is prescribed by a health care professional (see policy [FCI: 02.01.05 Infant Food Packages-Special Formula](#)).

1. The current primary contract infant formulas are:
 - a. Abbott Nutrition - Similac Advance,
 - b. Gerber – Good Start Soy
2. Similac Advance powder is the default infant formula.
3. A health care professional's request is not required to change a participant from one primary contract infant formula to another.
4. All of the primary contract infant formulas are kosher products and appropriate for most individuals following religious dietary practices.
5. Infants who transfer in from another state who were receiving milk or soy based formula from the other state's WIC program must use the primary contract infant formula.
6. The food package should be issued on the standard number of checks available unless the rationale for spreading the food package out over a larger number of checks is documented in the client's KWIC record. Reasons to increase the number of checks issued per month may include inadequate storage/refrigeration, inability to transport the larger quantity of food (shopping convenience), or vendor may not have all quantity needed at one time.

Reference: CFR §246.10

Procedure:

1. For non-breastfed infants, prescribe an age and situation-appropriate food package containing a primary contract infant formula.
 - a. The caregiver may request either the powdered or the concentrated liquid form of Similac Advance or Gerber Good Start Soy.
 - b. If ready-to-feed formula is requested, document the reason in the client's KWIC record. Contact the SA for requests that do not list one of the approved reasons for ready-to-feed formula (See Policy: [FCI 02.01.00 – Infant Food Packages](#)).

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- c. If an expanded check set is selected, document the reason in the client's KWIC record (See Policy: [FCI 02.01.00 – Infant Food Packages](#))..

Basket	Food Package 1a-FormulaFed <4mo Formula Fed 0 through 3 months of age	Food Package 1b-FormulaFed 4&5mo Formula Fed 4 through 5 months of age	Food Package 2a-FormulaFed 6-9 mo Formula Fed 6 through 8 months of age	Food Package 2b-FormulaFed 9- 12 mo Formula Fed 9 through 11 months of age
Formula	9 containers Similac Advance Powder (12.4 oz container)	10 containers Similac Advance Powder (12.4 oz container)	7 containers Similac Advance Powder (12.4 oz container)	7 containers Similac Advance Powder (12.4 oz container)
Infant Cereal			24 ounces	24 ounces
Baby Food Fruits and Vegetables			32 – 4 ounce containers Baby Food – Fruits and Vegetables	32 – 4 ounce containers Baby Food – Fruits and Vegetables
Fresh Bananas*			4 substituted for 4-4 oz. containers of baby food fruits and vegetable	4 substituted for 4-4 oz. containers of baby food fruits and vegetable
Fresh FVC*				\$4 substituted for 16 – 4 oz. containers of Baby Food Fruits and Vegetables

* The food package for a 9 through 12 month formula fed infant may be tailored to include a fruit and vegetable check (FVC) for the purchase of **fresh** fruits and vegetables only. Caregivers must be trained on safe food preparation, storage and feeding practices before the FVC is issued.

2. Tailor the base food package, as necessary, to prescribe situation appropriate food package.
3. Base food packages are tailored by selecting the desired food item from each food category basket.

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4. For infants, only the formula basket contains choices. The formula basket and contents are:

Formula Basket				
Food Item		Maximum Amount		
		Food Package 1a-FF Formula Fed 0 through 3 months of age	Food Package 1b-FF Formula Fed 4 through 5 months of age	Food Package 2-FF Formula Fed 6 through 11 months of age
Formula	Yield	806 fl oz reconstituted	884 fl oz reconstituted	624 fl oz reconstituted
Similac Advance Powder (12.4 oz container)	90 oz	9	10	7
Similac Advance Concentrated Liquid (13 oz container)	26 oz	31	34	24
Similac Advance Ready to Feed Liquid (1 quart container)	32 oz	26	28	20
Similac Advance Ready to Feed Liquid (8 oz container) *	8 oz	104	112	87
Gerber Good Start Soy Powder (12.9 oz container)	91 oz	9	10	7
Gerber Good Start Soy Concentrated Liquid (12.1 oz container)	24.2 oz	33	36	26
Gerber Good Start Soy Ready to Feed Liquid (8.45 oz container) *	8.45 oz	104 (26-4 packs)	112 (28-4 packs)	87 (22 -4 packs)

* Both an unsanitary or restricted water supply and a lack of refrigeration must be documented in the KWIC record.